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For your informal response...thanks.

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Good morning, Mr. Capacasa

I am a native of northeastern Pennsylvania, currently studying water resource management and conservation in a graduate program at Kansas State University. I travel to Northeast PA a few times a year, and it has been brought to my attention that Marcellus shale drilling for natural gas in that area (specifically Dimock, PA) has become a serious water quality hazard (according to some sources). However, there are many rumors flying around, and the politics and economics of extracting such a valuable resource seem to skew people's views and attitudes. I can't seem to find a reliable source about what's truly happening to the water supply, and the environment in general, as a result of drilling for natural gas. Additionally, it is a rural area that doesn't seem to get much attention from the federal government, and I fear that if there is in fact an environmental problem, local governments will turn their heads because of the huge economic gain NE PA is experiencing right now from the drilling.

Is the EPA involved in what's going on up there? Can you direct me to any reliable information on the matter? I found your contact info online, hoping to find someone who realizes as much as I do the need for clean, chemical-free water sources.

Thank you,

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